

Boil/Bottle Water Advisory

Water System Name water is contaminated with E. coli

E. coli bacteria were found in our water supply. These bacteria can make you sick and are a concern for people with weakened immune systems.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The presence of coliform bacteria including E.coli bacteria in your drinking water is a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Regulations. A water sample collected on *Initial Positive Collection Date* indicated the presence of E. coli bacteria. Further sampling on *Date of Confirming Positive Sample* confirmed their presence.

What precautions should be taken at this time?

Discontinue use of this water for human consumption. Human consumption means drinking, cooking, food preparation and making ice, dishwashing, and all personal hygiene needs (e.g., showering, hand washing, bathing and oral hygiene). Ice, food, and any beverages prepared with unsafe water must be discarded. You should boil or use commercially bottled water for drinking, food preparation, and making ice. **If you boil water, the water should be heated to a rolling boil for at least ONE minute before use.**

What does this mean?

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking this water from their health care providers.

What is being done to correct the problem?

Corrective action(s) taken: 1) system-pressure restoration (if applicable); 2) chlorine addition; 3) samples drawn / lab testing to confirm no presence of E. coli; 4) notification.

You should use boiled or bottled water until we inform you that our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We are working to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

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